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AN ACOUSTIC AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM, AND HEARING  
AID DEVICE EMPLOYING SAME"

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,618,481  
AL PCT Application WO 01/10170  
AM PCT Application WO 00/19605  
AN German PS 197 14 966  
AO German PS 196 39 580  
AP German OS 196 35 878  
AQ European Application 1 191 814

**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

The German counterpart to Reference AA, together with the other above-cited references, were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office during examination of the counterpart German application. For the references that are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary. English translations of the references in the German language are not readily available to the


Application, however, each of those references has an English language abstract attached thereto.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

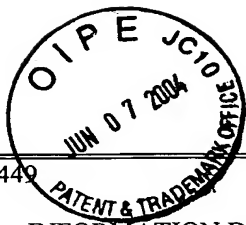
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